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Full Returns.

Advises from Augusta state that full returns from every city, town and plantation in the State give Bodwell 14,000 plurality over Edwards; the Congressional plurality 17,000; and that 145 Republicans and 35 Democrats are elected to the Legislature. Good enough!

Mr. Bodwell carried his own town by a majority of 345, and Col. Edwards' town by 51.

Boutelle gets 1,359 plurality in his Congressional district and is a happy man. The people evidently believe in Boutelle — *But Times*.

A great Republican majority and five or six additional Republican Congressmen is the prediction. Congressman McKinley makes about the election to be held in Ohio in November.

The Democratic papers are still trying to explain the Maine election so as to hide their overwhelming defeat, but as yet they have made but little headway. The figures are too large.

The canvass in Iowa is developing the fact that Cleveland's pension vetoes are driving the Democratic ex-soldiers into the Republican ranks again, from which some of them have strayed for a few years past.

The Republican plurality in Maine is shaking slowly — *New York World*.

The sticking in the Republican plurality is only found in the columns of Democratic newspapers. Full returns give Mr. Bodwell 14,000 plurality.

What has become of St. John? He has not been heard from since he left this State in disgust because toward the close of his tour it fifty dollars a night were not paid in advance. When he came to Maine to "sunsh" the Republican party he took too large a contract.

There is trouble among the faithful at Albany. The anti-Maning faction have held county and congressional conventions and placed a complete ticket in the field. The platform denounces in severe terms the frauds perpetrated by the Democratic machine in the Albany primaries.

The St. Louis *Globe-Democrat* has made an enigma of the delegates to the Republican State Convention in Ohio, Iowa, Texas, Michigan, Illinois, Missouri, Indiana and Wisconsin as regards Presidential preferences which shows that Mr. Blaine leads all the Republicans combined, more than two to one.

One Congressional District in Louis and the Collector of Internal Revenue, the Deputy Collector, an Assistant Postmaster and a United States Marshal all took an active part in the convention. What has become of that famous proclamation from President Cleveland to office holders?

The Republican State Central Committee of Kansas under date of Sept. 11th requests Representative Boutelle to take part in the campaign in that State, saying: "We earnestly invite you to permit this committee to arrange some appointments for speeches at several prominent points in Kansas where most agreeable to you."

The Washington correspondent of the *New York World* referring to the numerous "relatives" who are "taken care of" under this Administration names a few and then adds that there "are hosts of others, creatures of influence and no merit to speak of." As a rule, however, the Democratic organs have very little to say about neopism just now. It is a very delicate subject for them to refer to.

When a Philadelphia Mugwump paper finds everything in the Republican victory of Maine intolerable except the election of Mr. Reed, and couples the declaration with a slur at Mr. Boutelle, the latter has reason to feel complimented by the hostility of the crowd of political malcontents who were hoping for a Republican disaster in "Blaine's State" last Monday.

It would seem from the following paragraph in the Portland *Express* that Collector Redman's "holiday" lasted through the campaign. "Wonder if Internal Revenue Collector Redman has discovered that the campaign has closed? He has been absent from his office several days to the inconvenience of persons who wished to transact business with the department. Yesterday a sign announced that the Collector would be in Thursday, but up to the present time he has not shown up."

If it is in order we would suggest to the Democracy of Maine the desirability of organizing. It must be getting monotonous to the Republican managers down that we have no trained opposition — *Boston Globe*.

This looks like a reflection on Chairman Brown. When Brown was first elected to his present position the *Commercial* hailed him with delight as a man eminently qualified to lead the Democratic hosts to victory in 1886. He only fell some 14,000 votes short of fulfilling the *Commercial's* prediction.

The Navy Department is to be compensated for special efforts to take the ironclad out of politics. Their management in this respect has too often caused great scandal in the past — *Portland Journal*.

In the light of recent events it would seem that the *Journal* is either very ignorant concerning what is going on or is making a very cheap bid to curry favor with the Democratic press. The Navy yard in this State was worked by the Administration for all it was worth in the recent election and now the same thing is to be done in Portland.

The *Commercial* at last declares that so far as it was concerned none of the Democratic candidates were sacrificed for Mr. Brown. If it was equally loyal to all of course no significance can be attached to its remark that Mr. Brown who received its support "in ordinary every day type" was elected, a remark intended to convey the impression that it was largely instrumental in bringing about that result. This leaves our contemporary just where it was before when a prominent member of the Bangor Democracy declared that it was of no earthly use to the party. The fact is Brown's election was brought about by the most persistent misrepresentation and the readiness of the Democrats to trade any part or the whole of their ticket even for a vote for Sheriff. In Bangor they stood ready and eager to sacrifice any other candidate for this office.

At a recent speech in New Hampshire, Senator Blair said: "The result in Maine, as had been foreshadowed by a later despatch, was no more favorable than he had expected. The campaign there had been conducted in a most extraordinary and excellent manner. It had been carried on under the immediate supervision of James G. Blaine. (Great applause.) The masterly hand and the eloquent voice of Mr. Blaine had been a great power in the canvass throughout the State. (Continued applause.) There is no man but who knows that the contest just closed in Maine was, in reality, the first gun in the next Presidential campaign. That gun was well loaded, and the manner in which it was fired, and the result which followed proved beyond question that the triumph achieved is the sure precursor of a great Republican victory in the Nation in 1888. (Applause.) The great questions discussed in Maine are identical with those that will be presented two years hence. They were the tariff, temperance, a national but conservative policy and a free blot in the North and in the South. There is the verdict of the people. It will be received by the country at large as a sure vindication of the course of events, as much so as if the election had really occurred in September, 1888. I took part in the canvass there, feeling that it was about the same as our own. The result is one that will make ours not one of nervous anxiety but one of joyful and confident work."

Waldo County.

A correspondent writes us at the Republicans of Waldo County elect five of the seven Representatives, the same number as two years ago; one Senator, one County Commissioner and Clerk of the Courts. The plurality for Edwards is 55, Milliken, for Congress, gets 111 plurality. But for the unfortunate local contest in Waldo the whole Republican field would have been elected by several hundred plurality.

Manifesting Their Alarm.

(Philadelphia North American.) The anxiety of the Mugwump and pseudo-independent "less-ifs" in Blaine's district is not less than in the rest of the Republic in 1888 is rather comic. In one breath they boast of his chances of election; declare that he is the easiest beaten, nay likely to be taken up by Republicans, an easy target on every occasion; and then leave a column or so daily to the task of proving that his speeches in the Maine campaign must do him fatal damage. The public utterances of no man since the war have attracted so much notice as those of Mr. Blaine. Though some of our contemporaries expressed an opinion just after his speech to the effect that the speech lacked in all that characterized Mr. Blaine's utterances in the forum, the same journals have been busy ever since trying to meet its calm, logical arguments or to weaken their force.

Without any intending effort on his part Mr. Blaine has completely entered the Mugwump and pseudo-independent press. The sound of his voice has about the same effect of that of a rising gun upon a rating gun in a frigate. The antics of some of these alarmed newspaper men are amazing. The New York *Times* in the extreme of its terror republishes the Fisher letters, and ventures to apologize to Mr. Blaine's friends for giving them a bad quarter of an hour. We doubt if that gentleman's friends will appreciate the apology, and we have no idea that Mr. Blaine will lose any sleep at the revival of the silliest of campaign literature so far in advance of the Presidential year. The New York Mugwump papers have delved themselves into the belief that the publication of these letters in 1884 defeated Mr. Blaine. The probable fact is that those old charges had no more to do with the result of the 1884 campaign than they had with the moon's phases!

In organizing a campaign of slander the Mugwumps are only boasting Mr. Blaine, and the event will so prove. They have already caused all eyes to turn in his direction, and the vigorous Americanism which characterizes his speeches is causing hundreds of before indifferent persons to read them. It is hardly possible for any sensible voter to read one of Mr. Blaine's speeches without becoming an admirer of the man. He moves in the strong current of popular common sense, and expresses himself with that clearness which is beyond his critics. He has indeed no competent critics outside of his own political household.

What the Result in Maine Proves.

(New York Tribune.) The Mugwump newspapers are sorely disappointed over the Republican victory in Maine, and are making desperate efforts to show that the figures lie. Comparing the returns with the Presidential year of 1884, when Mr. Blaine was a candidate for President, and misrating the result this year, they pretend to discover something unfavorable to the Republicans. These newspapers have been for weeks declaring that there were no issues to bring out the result this year, and yet they want to compare the result with a Presidential year. But even if that were done fairly it would make a showing quite different from what they give to their readers.

The truth is that the victory in Maine is unprecedented in an "off year" since the time of the war. Except its Presidential year the Republican plurality this year is larger than in any election for nineteen years. It is no wonder that the Free Traders who lose an opportunity to assail Mr. Blaine and the Republican party write under this unusual victory. What becomes of the wonderful popularity of the Administration, with "the masses" which those newspapers talk about it? This result has been accomplished, too, without the machine of officeholders which we heard so much about in 1884, and without money enough to pay the legitimate campaign expenses. In Mr. Blaine's own talk of August the plurality is even larger than it was in 1884. The only place where the Democrats make any gains to speak of is in the county where the Navy Yard is located. The partisan use that was made of that yard by the Democrats was in a flagrant violation of the spirit, if not the letter, of the law, and will probably be investigated by Congress.

Mr. Blaine has fared in wealth under the protective tariff. Its workers have increased their savings in banks from \$1,500,000 to \$8,000,000, and the State has been prosperous in every way. Mr. Blaine in his admirable speech brought out these facts so that everybody could understand them. The result demonstrates that the Republican party is even stronger today than it was before these free trade newspapers espoused the cause of the Democratic party.

The Next House.

A member of the Republican Congressional Committee, who has recently travelled extensively through the Western States, expresses the opinion that the Republicans will make gains enough to give them control of the next House. He said: "I have looked carefully over the field

and I think that never before in the history of our party were the chances of success so bright as at present. Events seem to give us a major to the House. The people are discontented, discontented with the Administration, the people in all parts of the country are disgusted with the results of the last session of Congress. They know, too, that the House had full power in its proceedings and could have passed any or all of the important measures which the country requires. So much was promised before the election, and so much was expected of this Congress, especially in the same direction. The backbone of the same politics, with the majority, that the disengagement over the results is such as has not been seen for a long time. The House has yet entered into the purities of the various districts, but a careful general survey of the field convinces me that we shall have a majority in the House."

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